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REMARKS

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1. At 4 p.m. on 25 August 1952, about 20 new trucks each occupied by 15 to 20 officers ranking from senior lieutenant up to and including colonel of all branches of service proceeded on the Trebbin-Zossen [redacted] 25X1
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2. On 26 August, a train carrying 2 x 85-mm AA guns and 3 trucks [redacted] 25X1
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- station, and faced in the direction of Jueterbog (N 52/W 69). [redacted] 25X1
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- the AA guns came from the emplacement 180 meters west of Camp Zossen. (2)
3. On 26 August, Stalag I and II on the Luckenwalde-Frankenfelde road in Luckenwalde (N 53/Z 90) were vacated. Motor vehicle [redacted] 25X1
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- [redacted] were seen with the departing unit. [redacted] the camps were 25X1
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- reoccupied with the aid of individual motor vehicles [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] from the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik on Industriestrasse. (3)
4. During the period from 18 to 24 August, the hutment at the Pommsen training area near Grimma (N 52/E 140) was occupied by about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The Volkspolizei tent camp near the Fuchsloecher had been vacated during this same period.
5. On 18 August, a column of 4 trucks [redacted] 25X1
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- [redacted] each towing a 57-mm AT gun and occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and a march column of 14 officers and 210 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with rifles and carrying assault equipment, 6 x 82-mm mortars, 6 light machine guns and 8 heavy machine guns entered the Hindenburg Kaserne on Neuendorfer Strasse, Plauen (N 51/K 12). The two columns were followed by four groups totaling 4 officers and 70 soldiers carrying entrenching tools and signal equipment. On 21 August, about 700 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets

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including 100 soldiers wearing camouflage uniforms and 30 men carrying gasmasks entered the installation, coming from the direction of Kobitschwalde. A band playing music preceded the group. The troops were armed with 20 heavy machine guns, 30 light machine guns, 20 light mortars and 10 range finders. Five JS-3 tanks brought up the rear. (h)

6. On 21 August, the Panther Kaserne in Tinz north of Gera (M 51/K 06) was occupied by a guard detail of about 10 soldiers. An innkeeper stated that the unit previously quartered there had returned to Weimar (M 51/J 57) on 19 and 20 August. [redacted] the sentries guarding the ammunition depot were furnished from the Reuss Kaserne on Franz Petri Strasse. (5)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The motor vehicles were furnished by rear elements of the GOFG.

(2)

- (3) Stalag I and II were previously believed to quarter elements of the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Recz Army. These elements possibly moved to the Jueterbog area and occupied quarters near the headquarters of the army. The 21st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Recz Army which had moved to the Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik during the winter of 1951 - 1952 apparently moved to the two Stalag camps.

- (4) The 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is quartered in the Hindenburg Kaserne in Plauen and, according to the information, is confirmed there until 18 August. In early August, [redacted] the installation quartered about 2,000 soldiers.

[redacted] JS-3-type tanks are not part of the equipment of such a regiment, but only SU-76 type guns. A company of the 15th Gds Tank SP Regt of the division in Ohrdruf may have been detached to this regiment for practice.

- (5) After the 880th Engr Bn of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps had moved to Rudolstadt from the barracks installation in Gera-Tinz in November 1951, [redacted]

[redacted] an artillery unit from Weimar occupied this barracks installation in early January 1952. Strength reports during the following months fluctuated between 150 and 200 soldiers. Information on the activity of the soldiers tended to indicate that the installation possibly quartered an artillery instruction unit. In mid-June 1952, [redacted] the installation would be reconditioned and would later be occupied by Volkspolizei.

[redacted]. The retransfer to Weimar of the previous unit possibly indicates the beginning of this change of occupation.

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